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¶1. (SBU) Economic Counselor delivered points in reftel in separate meetings on April 30 with Houda Marrakchi, Head of the Free Trade Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Wassane Zailachi, Chief of the Ministry's North America division. Both expressed pleasure with USTR's decision. Marrakchi, who transmitted the International Intellectual Property Alliance's (IIPA's) comments to concerned Moroccan agencies, noted that a formal response to the issues identified there will follow in the near future. She agreed that enforcement of Morocco's IPR regulations is now key, and should be a focus of future technical assistance related to the FTA.

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